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Bass Donates Gold Anniversary Medal

ANS President Harry W. Bass, Jr., donated to the Society's cabinet a gold 125th anniversary medal in ceremonies held at the opening session of the anniversary celebration on September 9. In making the presentation, accepted for the Society by Director Leslie Elam, Mr. Bass remarked, "As you are already aware, the anniversary medal is available in bronze and silver. In honor of this occasion, I am pleased to offer as my gift to the Society on its 125th anniversary this example of the medal struck in gold."

Mr. Bass also paid tribute to the artist responsible for the medal, Marcel Jovine. Noting that Mr. Jovine had been

a frequent visitor to the Society during his commission, Mr. Bass said, "Since winning the competition to model the Society's anniversary medal, Marcel Jovine welcomed recommendations from our committee and has created for us a medal which is not only richly symbolic of that which we celebrate here today but also, I am sure you will agree, a work deserving of the term medallic art."

The Society's anniversary medal, struck by the firm of Stefano Johnson in Milan in an initial edition of 100 numbered specimens in silver and 500 in bronze, is available for purchase from the ANS at \$350.00 and \$34.25 respec-

TROXELL, HOUGHTON WORKS ISSUED

Two new books have just been issued by the Society and are being distributed to holders of the Publications Subscription for 1983.

Hyla A. Troxell's book, *The Coinage of the Lycian League*, has been published as volume 162 in the series American Numismatic Society Notes and Monographs. In this work, Mrs. Troxell assembles 1,825 coins into five major periods with considerable chronological overlap. The evidence indicates that the League coinage began as early as ca. 200 B.C., lasting until A.D. 43 when the area was formally incorporated into the Roman Empire. As expected, the study provides evidence for the affiliation of several cities at various times. Finally, a concluding chapter identifies the actual minting places of the League coinage in the various periods.

The Coinage of the Lycian League, by Hyla A. Troxell, ANSNNM 162 (1983), xvii, 255 pp., 44 plates, is available from the ANS at \$35.00 plus postage and handling (\$1.00 U.S., \$1.50 elsewhere).

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Also available at this time is *Coins of the Seleucid Empire from the Collection of Arthur Houghton*, by Arthur Houghton, published as Ancient Coins in

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tively, including postage, registration and handling.

Detailed in Annual Report

The Society's *Annual Report* for the year ended September 30, 1983, contains a special section on the 125th anniversary celebration. The *Report* will be issued immediately following the annual meeting in January.

Dryfhout Addresses Fall Meeting

The Fall Members Meeting, held at the Society on October 8, was the occasion for an illustrated talk by John H. Dryfhout on the topic "Coin Designs of Augustus Saint-Gaudens." Mr. Dryfhout is the author of two important works on this American sculptor and medallist and is currently the Curator of the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Windsor, Vermont.

The David M. Bullova Memorial Lecture was introduced by Alan Stahl, curator of the Society's medal collection, who spoke as follows:

"Augustus Saint-Gaudens is known to collectors of United States coins as the designer of the twenty dollar gold piece, generally considered the most beautiful coin our nation has produced. To those who specialize in medals, he is known for the Theodore Roosevelt inaugural medal, the obverse of the official prize medal of the World's Columbian Exposition, and for a series of delicately modelled relief plaques.

"To the general public, however, he is known as one of America's greatest sculptors, who typified the gilded age through his life as well as his work. His portraits of the rich and famous graced the mansions designed by Stanford White, a close friend and collaborator. His public monuments, such as the Sherman Monument on Grand Army Plaza in Manhattan and the Shaw Memorial on the Boston Commons set the tone for the urban environment of their day.

"Since soon after his death, Saint-Gaudens' home and studio at Cornish, New Hampshire, has been a public trust and, in 1964, it was declared a National Historic Site. Since 1966, its curator has been John Dryfhout, who has spent the better part of two decades researching the work of Saint-Gaudens, based on the holdings in Cornish and collections throughout the world. This work has culminated in his recent book, *The Works of Augustus Saint-Gaudens*, which has not only been hailed as the definitive work on the subject, but has made an important contribution to the revival of interest in all American art of the later nineteenth century.

"The story of Saint-Gaudens' eagle

and double eagle is usually told from the viewpoint of the national government and the mint. Today we have the rare opportunity to learn about these coins in terms of the artist and the man who designed them."

Prior to the talk, Society Director Leslie Elam greeted the guests on behalf of the President, Harry Bass, who was out of the country. With reference to the changed appearance of the exhibition area, where meetings take place, Mr. Elam remarked, "For those who were not among the approximately 250 registrants and guests who celebrated the opening of this new exhibition with us on September 9, a special welcome to our new hall. And for those who were not among the 150 guests at the opening of the bas relief exhibition in the East Hall on October 1, we are pleased to be co-sponsor of this new venture together with the American Numismatic Sculpture Association which arranged the exhibition. The AMSA exhibition will be on view here through December 3 when it moves on to the ANA museum in Colorado Springs, opening there in February."

Mr. Elam also took note of the recent deaths of four prominent Society members.

"Over the years the Society has been fortunate to enlist many outstanding individuals to serve on our governing Council. Two of these men are in our memory today as we mourn their recent deaths. Marion Sadler, a collector and student of Roman coinage, served on the Society's Council during the decade from 1964 to 1974. Until illness cut short his corporate career he was the innovative president of American Airlines. Ambassador R. Henry Norweb died on October 1 at the age of 89. During the years he sat on our Council, 1960-1978 and beyond, Mr. Norweb served this Society with his wisdom, his resources and his gentle spirit.

"The world of numismatic scholarship has also witnessed recent terrible losses, ironically both from the Royal Coin Cabinet in Copenhagen. Georg Galster's death earlier this month at the age of 94 ended a 73 year career at the Royal cabinet. Prof. Galster received the Society's Huntington Medal in 1966. The second is our dear friend and colleague Otto Mørkholm, whose untimely death has deprived us of one of the brilliant minds of the 20th century."

Margaret Thompson then spoke in remembrance of Otto Mørkholm.



MARTIN LEAVES ANS FOR BUSINESS POSITION

Marie H. Martin, Associate Editor at the Society since 1979, has resigned effective November 30 to join Cohen, Davis and Marks, Incorporated, as Office Manager. Miss Martin, who received her doctorate in History while at the ANS, had responsibility for the range of Society publications, including reading and editing manuscripts for publication, scheduling of works in press and proofreading. She also designed and produced most of the work composed in-house during her tenure, such as the *Annual Report* and the *Newsletter* as well as various flyers, handbooks, announcements and labels for special exhibitions.

In addition to these editorial duties, Miss Martin revamped the Society's mailing procedures to increase efficiency and reduce costs, supervised work study students in a variety of projects and provided instruction in the use of the Society's photocomposition facility to new editorial employees.

Miss Martin, a resident of northern Manhattan where the ANS is located, has also represented the Society in community groups and served as the Society's delegate on local committees concerned with the future of the Washington Heights area.

Position Open at ANS

Following Dr. Martin's resignation, the Society is currently interviewing for the position of Assistant Editor. Applicants should have a strong background in history or a related field and expect to work directly with authors. The position involves extensive typing, including photo typesetting on the Society's Compugraphic composition facility, which is based on the standard typewriter keyboard.

The Society offers liberal benefits, holidays and vacation leave and is an

equal-opportunity employer.

Interested applicants should submit a resume to the Society's Editor, Leslie A. Elam.

ASSOCIATE, CORRESPONDING MEMBERS ELECTED

Eighty-two Associate Members were elected at the October 8 meeting of the Society's Council. Of this extraordinary total, 51 made application as the result of information on the Society contained in the special supplement to *Coin World*, published in honor of the Society's 125th anniversary celebration. Following election of the new Associates, Society President Harry Bass paid tribute to *Coin World* Editor and fellow Council Member Mrs. Marion Russell and her staff for the excellent coverage accorded the Society in the September 7, 1983 issue.

Associates elected are Michael C. Annis, Birmingham, MI; Michael William Atkinson, Louisville, OH; Meyer P. Avers, Chicago, IL; James P. Balser, Metairie, LA; Walter R. Baranger, Anaheim, CA; Imogene M. Beu, Wichita, KS; Jack H. Beymer, Santa Rosa, CA; Charles Bifulro, Huntington, NY; Harry Clay Blaney III, Washington, DC; Richard J. Bruno, Islip Terrace, NY; and Robert P. Campbell, Brooklyn, NY.

Also Mike Carter, Van Nuys, CA; Martha L. Carter, Madison, WI; Armand Champa, Louisville, KY; David H. Cohen, Vestal, NY; Howard J. Cohen, Hazlet, NJ; John Phillip Darby, Lafayette, LA; Marc Davidson, Daytona Beach, FL; Richard D. Day, Rosemount, MN; Beth H. Deisher, Bellefontaine, OH; John L. Del Bene, Wappingers Falls, NY; and Joseph De Leo, Elmhurst, NY.

Also Frank J. Denney, Omaha, NE; Sheridan Downey IV, Oakland, CA; David W. Dreyfuss, Washington, DC; Stuart T. Eisen, Bethesda, MD; Clarence Don Engler, Rochester, NY; Anthony Paul Faiola, Leominster, MA; Ernest Fauvelle, Jr., Frankfurt, NY; Joshua Gershen Feldman, Berkeley, CA; James Field, Clackamas, OR; D. Philip Fleming, Mesa, AZ; and Craig A. Folkes, San Ramon, CA.

Also Ronald N. Francis, APO, New York, NY; Thomas Freymoyer, Wyomissing, PA; Jeff Garrett, Lexington, KY; Eugene N. Geller, Los Angeles, CA; Thomas H. Gibson, Atlanta, GA; Alan Jeffery Harlan, Dallas, TX; Lindsey Harrell, Homewood, AL; Roger Thomas Healy, St. Paul, MN; Dwain A. Hicks, Alto, NM; David D. Hogeland, Holdrege, NE; and Robert T. Ingersoll, West Memphis, AR.

Also Stu Keen, Pasadena, CA; William W. Kindl, Canton, MI; Stan Klein, North Miami Beach, FL; Vic Kozik,

Long Beach, CA; Volker Kricheldorf, Freiburg, W. Germany; David Kwapisz, Hazel Park, MI; John E. Latcher, Abingdon, MD; Michael K. Lecky, Watertown, MA; Kun-il Lee, Seoul, Korea; Michael L. Levinson, Houston, TX; and Eliot Lewiskin, North Bergen, NJ.

Also, Irving Malin, Forest Hills, NY; Robert T. McNally, Plymouth, MI;

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OTTO MØRKHOLM, 1930—1983

At the Fall Meeting of the Society, Margaret Thompson addressed the following remarks in memory of Otto Mørkholm.

"After a valiant two-year struggle with cancer, Otto Mørkholm died on July 16, twelve days before his fifty-third birthday. For his family, his friends and the world of scholarship, this is a tragic loss.

"Otto's all-too-brief lifetime is an enviable record of achievement. Appointed Keeper of the Copenhagen Cabinet in 1960, he was able by judicious acquisition to enrich an already outstanding collection, and under his direction the final volumes of its *Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum* were published, giving Copenhagen the proud distinction of being the only major numismatic cabinet to have put its Greek holdings fully on record. From 1967 to 1982 he was also lecturer in numismatics and ancient history at Copenhagen University. The 7th International Numismatic Congress, held in

Copenhagen in 1967, was organized by him and for fourteen years (1965 to 1979), with the able assistance of his wife Annelis, he served as Secretary of the International Numismatic Commission.

"The Hellenistic period was Otto's chief interest and his publications in that field are models of scholarly research. We are indebted to him for perceptive analyses of numerous coinages, most notably the regnal issues of the Seleucids, the Ptolemies, the Cappadocians and the Lycians—some breaking new ground and others rectifying earlier studies. As a co-editor of the *Inventory of Greek Coin Hoards*, he was in large measure responsible for placing that important tool at the disposal of numismatists, archaeologists and historians. In 1977 he was a member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton and it was there that he began work on a general survey of Hellenistic coinage for the Methuen series, a work on which he was engaged almost up to the time of his death. The chapters already finished are of such excellence that one sincerely hopes the project can be soon and successfully completed.

"These achievements brought tangible recognition. In January of 1982, as many of you will remember, he was here to accept in person our Huntington Medal. In June of the same year he was given the medal of the Royal Numismatic Society, and this past spring he received the rare tribute of election to Denmark's Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences, the highest honor a Danish scholar can be awarded in his own country.

"Otto's ties with the American Numismatic Society were close and enduring. In 1962 and again in 1969 he was the Visiting Scholar at our Graduate Seminar and he would have been with us once more in 1982 had his health permitted. In other years he was a frequent visitor, coming to New York to study the collection and consult with the staff. Those of us who had the privilege of working with him, curators and students alike, can attest how much we owe him for the unfailing kindness and generosity with which he shared his knowledge and his experience. Speaking personally, there has been no colleague whose judgment I valued more highly, none whose affection I cherished more. I shall miss him sorely but I am grateful to have known him and to have had his friendship."

Those present stood and observed a moment of silence in tribute to the memory of Otto Mørkholm.

ANS HOSTS MESA SOCIAL

The first in a projected series of ANS receptions for Graduate Seminar alumni and other friends at academic conferences was held at the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association in Chicago, November 3, 1983. Similar receptions are planned for the Archaeological Institute of America meeting in Cincinnati, December 27-29, 1983, the annual conference of the Medieval Institute in Kalamazoo, May 10-13, 1984, and other conferences attended by significant numbers of Seminar alumni.

At the MESA meeting, papers were read by Michael L. Bates, ANS Curator of Islamic Coins, on "Shi'i Inscriptions on the Coins of the Buyids and Fatimids," and by Seminar alumna Linda Komaroff on "The Epigraphy of Timurid Coinage: Some Preliminary Remarks," an updated version of her 1980 Seminar paper.

ANS ACTIVE AT NYINC

The Society will be well represented at the 1983 New York International Numismatic Convention to be held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, December 10-12. As it has since 1979, the ANS will have an Information Booth in the exhibit center, courtesy of the show's organizers, Richard Margolis and Wilbur Selfridge. Society staff and members will act as booth hosts, providing information on the ANS and its activities, displaying the new publications, and encouraging visits to the ANS to view the new exhibition, *The World of Coins*.

In addition, in continued celebration of the Society's 125th anniversary, all nine speakers at the meetings of the various specialty collectors' organizations will be present or past Society staff members. Beginning at 3:30 P.M. on Saturday, the Numismatics International forum will feature Nancy M. Waggoner, "When Did Coins Really Make Their First Appearance?" and William E. Metcalf, "Art on Roman Coins." Leslie A. Elam will act as host for the forum. Later, at 4:45 P.M., George S. Cuhaj will address *La Société Américaine pour l'Etude de la Numismatique Française* on "A Century of French Railway Medals, 1830-1930." The Oriental Numismatic Society will meet at 6:00 at which time Marie H. Martin will speak on "The Coinage and Monetary System of the Mughal Ruler Akbar."

Meetings resume Sunday morning

with Rose Chan Houston addressing the International Bank Note Society on "The Mongul Paper Money Experiment," at 9:45 A.M. At 11:00 the Lithuanian Numismatic Association is scheduled to hear Alan M. Stahl discuss "The Grašiš Coinage of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania." The British Commonwealth Numismatic Society meets at 12:30 to hear Richard G. Doty on "Matthew Boulton and the Tokens," followed at 1:30 by the meeting of the Society for Medieval Numismatics with Michael L. Bates speaking on "Muslims and Christians in the Mediterranean." Finally, at 3:15 P.M. former ANS curator Jeremiah D. Brady will address the meeting of the Russian Numismatic Society on "The Seventh Example of the Constantinian Rouble." All lectures are open to the public.

PAROS COINS SOUGHT

Kenneth Sheedy, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Archaeology, Sydney University, would be grateful to receive information concerning archaic Parian coins, particularly those now held in private and public American collections. Archaic Parian staters are as *BMCParos* 1-2. The drachms of this period, however, were initially attributed to *Celenderis: BMCCelenderis* 1-3 (obverse goat, reverse incuse square). Obols previously marked as "uncertain Macedonia," showing an obverse type of goat without reverted head—for example *Weber Coll.* 1838, are also Parian. Mr. Sheedy can be contacted c/o Department of Archaeology, University of Sydney, Sydney 2006, NSW, Australia.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Society's Nominating Committee for Council Members, comprising Harry W. Fowler, Chairman, Alan B. Coleman and Baldwin Maull, reported to the Council at its October 8 meeting. The three present members whose terms expire January 1984, Roger A. Hornsby, R. Henry Norweb, Jr., and John J. Slocum, will be nominated for additional five-year terms at the forthcoming Annual Meeting.

According to the Society's Constitution (Article VI.3), additional nominations require the signatures of a total of 10 Fellows and must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 15 days in advance of the Annual Meeting.

DOTY ADDRESSES BOULTON CONFERENCE

Invited to participate in the British Numismatic Society's Symposium on the Birmingham industrialist and coiner Matthew Boulton, Richard Doty delivered a paper on Boulton's activities in the field of British tokens. Through the kind assistance of the archives division of the Birmingham (England) Central Library, he was able to locate much previously unknown information on Boulton, and to incorporate this new data in his paper, which was given at the University of Birmingham, Aston, on October 15. The talks were well attended, with the American, British, and Royal Numismatic Societies represented.

Doty continued his research in Birmingham, London, and Anglesey, North Wales. He is particularly interested in the revolution in minting technology in England in the 1780s and 1790s, when steam power began to supplant the screw press for striking coins. With that consideration in mind, he devoted much time to an examination of the coining activities of a private mint set up by the Parys Mine Company of Anglesey, whose innovations in coining methods may have anticipated those of Boulton himself. Having learned of the existence of archives on this firm, he hopes to return to North Wales next year for extensive research at the University of Bangor.

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February

- 11 Society closed - Lincoln's Birthday

March

- 1 Application deadline for ANS Graduate Seminar and Graduate Fellowship awards
- 2 Finance Committee meeting, 11:00
Executive Committee meeting, 1:30
- 23-24 Colloquium on Reconstruction of the Earliest Finds from the Archaic Temple of Artemis at Ephesus, British Museum, London. Nancy M. Waggoner to speak on "The Relationship between Athenian Electrum and the Early Silver Coins of Athens"

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North American Collections 4. Mr. Houghton has catalogued his extensive and specialized collection of 1,323 Seleucid coins according to region and mint rather than by ruler as was the prevailing practice. From this arrangement arises a clearer understanding of the geographical extent of Seleucid control during the life of the dynasty. The chapter introductions, annotations and individual entries cover the full range of scholarly research in the field of Seleucid numismatics to date.

Coins of the Seleucid Empire from the Collection of Arthur Houghton, by Arthur Houghton, ACNAC 4 (1983) xvi, 122 pp., tables, 77 plates, \$65.00 plus postage and handling (\$1.00 U.S., \$1.50 elsewhere).

Publications Subscription Option

As noted, both of these publications are distributed to ANS members who entered a Publications Subscription for 1983 by paying an additional \$45.00 with their annual dues. This option is still available and represents a considerable cost-saving. At this time, nearly 600 members have subscribed for 1983 which entitles them to receive, in addition to the Troxell and Houghton works, *Alexander's Drachm Mints I: Sardes and Miletus* (ANSNS 16) by Margaret Thompson, issued in April; two issues of the abstract bibliography *Numismatic Literature* and the forthcoming *Early Greek Coins from the Collection of Jonathan P. Rosen* (ACNAC 5), by Nancy M. Waggoner.

1984 Subscription

At its October 8 meeting, the Society's Council voted to offer the 1984 Publications Subscription at \$45.00, no increase over 1983. Subscribers receive, in addition to the Society's journal *American Numismatic Society Museum Notes*, the *Annual Report* and the quarterly *ANS Newsletter*, issued to all members, the following publications slated for publication during the year: *The Arthur S. Dewing Collection of Greek Coins* (ACNAC 6), edited by Leo Mildenberg; *The Venetian Tornosello, a Medieval Colonial Coinage* (ANSNM 163), by Alan M. Stahl; *The Coinage of Metapontum* by Sydney P. Noe, revised edition by Ann Johnston (originally published as ANSNM 32 and 47); and *Numismatic Literature*.

ANS 1984 GRADUATE SEMINAR, FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS INVITED

Applications are now being accepted for the 32nd annual Graduate Seminar in Numismatics to be held at the Society June 12-August 11, 1984. Ten grants in aid, carrying stipends of \$900, will be made to students of high competence who will have completed at least one year's graduate study in Classics, Archaeology, History, Art History, Economic History, or other related disciplines. Areas of study may include the ancient Mediterranean, the ancient Near East, medieval Europe, Latin America, the Islamic world, South Asia, or East Asia. Applications will be accepted also from junior university or college instructors with a degree in one of these fields. Attendance at the seminar is restricted to graduate students and junior faculty members at institutions in the United States and Canada. Grants in support of attendance are made possible by a grant from Mr. and Mrs. Eric P. Newman.

The Seminar program includes lectures and conferences conducted by specialists in various fields, with emphasis on numismatic methodology. Students employ the resources of the museum's cabinets and library, and prepare papers for oral delivery and written submission during the ninth week.

William E. Metcalf, Chief Curator of the Society, is in charge of the Seminar program, and the entire curatorial staff as well as instructors from this country and abroad will participate. Michel Amandry of the Cabinet des Médailles in the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, will be in residence during the Seminar.

Graduate Fellowship

In addition the Society is accepting applications for its Fellowship of \$3,500 for the academic year 1984/5. The award is open to university graduate students in the fields of the humanities or social sciences who will have completed the general examinations (or the equivalent) for the doctorate; will be writing a dissertation during the academic year 1984/5 on a topic in which the use of numismatic evidence plays a significant part; and will have attended one of the Society's Graduate Seminars prior to the time of application.

The deadline for completed applications for both the Seminar and Fellowship is March 1, 1984. Awards will be announced no later than April 3.



REBECCA AKERS JOINS EDITORIAL STAFF

Rebecca A. Akers joined the ANS staff on August 23 as Assistant Editor, assuming responsibility for the Society's semiannual abstract bibliography, *Numismatic Literature*.

Originally from Cleveland, Ms. Akers now resides in Manhattan where she graduated from Barnard College in 1982.

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Michael J. Mortensen, McHenry, IL; Robert W. Musgrove, Laconia, NH; Wrenshall A. Oliver, Napa, CA; Dennis A. Pacheco, Roseville, CA; Vincent J. Papa, Bethel, CT; Richard A. Papp, Verona, PA; Charles C. Parrish, Rosemont, MN; Donald H. Potts, LaGrange, IL; and Harry H. Reder, Van Nuys, CA.

Also Brad Rodgers, Van Nuys, CA; Douglas Sacks, Westport, CT; Stephen M. Sainati, Westmont, IL; Carlos N. Sanchez, Punta Arenas, Chile; Richard C. Schulman, Smithtown, NY; Francesco Sernia, Rome, Italy; Fitzhugh L. Shelton, Jr., Chambersburg, PA; Fred B. Shore, Bensalem, PA; J. Walter Smith, Jr., Nashville, TN; Thomas V. Tallarico, Springfield, MA; and Ira E. Teitelbaum, Hazlet, NJ.

Also John P. Trimmings, Peabody, MA; Richard L. Walker, Lexington, NC; Michael Weiskopf, Berkeley, CA; Kazimierz Wrzeszczynski, New York, NY; and Joseph Donald Zakar, Sacramento, CA.

Hahn Elected

In addition, the Council elected as a Corresponding Member of the Society, Dr. Wolfgang R.O. Hahn, Universitäts-Dozent at the University of Vienna and the Visiting Scholar in Residence for the Society's 1983 Graduate Seminar.

Calendar

December

- 2 Virginia Museum of Art, Richmond. Seminar on the Fine Arts of Ancient Greece and Rome. William E. Metcalf to speak on "The Art of the Roman Medalion"
- 10-12 ANS Information Booth open at New York International Numismatic Convention, Sheraton Centre Hotel, New York. Present and past ANS staff members will present talks at meetings on Saturday and Sunday
- 23-25 Society closed - Christmas holiday
- 27-29 Archaeological Institute of America meeting, Cincinnati. ANS represented by William E. Metcalf and Nancy M. Waggoner. Dr. Waggoner to speak on "The Alexander Mint under Audoleon of Paeonia," and to represent the ANS at a meeting of the American School of Classical Studies and to be the ANS delegate to the AIA Council meeting
- 30-31 Society closed - New Year's holiday

January

- 14 Council Meeting, 1:30
Annual Meeting of the Society, 3:00

Stahl Speaks at Fidem Congress

Alan M. Stahl, Associate Curator of Medals at the American Numismatic Society, spoke at the nineteenth international conference of FIDEM on "The American Industrial Medal." The conference of the Fédération Internationale de la Médaille was held in Florence, Italy, October 9-14, and featured a major exhibition of medals of 24 countries, including the work of 41 Americans, as well as talks by 17 individuals on the history and current state of medallic sculpture. The unifying theme of the conference was an investigation of the identity and function of the medal, and various speakers took a ~~range of approaches ranging~~ from theoretical discussions of the definition of medallic art to the personal account of a sculptor of his explorations of the medium.

Dr. Stahl's talk traced the development of a type of medal known throughout the world, but especially popular in the United States, the medal commissioned by a private industrial firm. His earliest such examples were store-cards from the middle of the nineteenth century. Some were calendar medals, permitting the user to calculate the day of the week for any date of a given year and at the same time read the advertising message of the issuer. Others marked anniversaries in a company's history or were issued in conjunction with expositions and fairs. Among the medals illustrated, all from the collection of the ANS, was a newly discovered aluminum medal of the 1890s of the Eagle Engraving and Stamping Company of New York, hand engraved by the

then young Victor D. Brenner.

Major Developments Discussed

Stahl then discussed the technological advances of the pantographic reducing machine and the janvier lathe, which permitted the artist to model rather than engrave his image, and illustrated the influence of the French approach to medals on the American medallists of the early twentieth century. He noted the influence of this art nouveau style on medals of Victor D. Brenner, Emil Fuchs, Hans Schuler, Julio Kilenvi, John Sinnock, Avard Fairbanks and Anthony de Francisci.

Stahl then turned again to Europe for the next major development in medallic style, the creation of the art deco approach to design in the years following World War I. The American adaptation of this style was illustrated by a medal of Paul Manship for the Southern Railways system. The transition from art deco to modernism was illustrated with a medal of the General Motors Company of 1933 by Norman Bel Geddes. Other examples of modern approaches to industrial medals included pieces by Sidney Waugh, Enrique Monjo, John Amore, and Carter Jones.

Stahl concluded his talk by observing, "American medallic sculpture is once again at a point where it finds itself looking at the work of the rest of the world for ideas and approaches to adapt to its own traditions and needs. And what better place to look than at a forum such as this gathering of FIDEM?"

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